



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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September 21, 2011

Public Utility No. 1 of Chelan County
Attn: Waikele Hampton
PO Box 1231
Wenatchee, WA 98807-1231

RE: Preliminary Permit to drill a test well(s) to assess water quality and yield of the proposed groundwater source under Change Application No. CG4-29544

Dear Ms. Hampton:

This letter serves as a PRELIMINARY PERMIT to drill and assess water quality and yield of the proposed groundwater source under Water Right Change Application No. CG4-29544. Please read this letter carefully. In accordance with RCW 90.03.290, **failure to comply with the conditions of this Preliminary Permit shall result in the cancellation of the Preliminary Permit and the associated water right applications.**

Request for a Preliminary Permit was received by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Central Regional Office on August 12, 2011. Due to repeated failed nitrate analytical results from water samples from their current well, the Public District No. 1 of Chelan County (PUD) has requested authorization to drill and test a well or wells at Daroga State Park in order to locate a new point of withdrawal under Ground Water Permit No. G4-29544P. The existing potable water source is a Group A public water system regulated by the Washington State Department of Health. The application proposes a distinct point of withdrawal as its source of groundwater. The three proposed test well sites are all in Section 33, T. 26 N, R. 21 E.W.M., in Douglas County.

Under the authority of RCW 90.03.290 and RCW 90.44.060, Ecology may issue a Preliminary Permit requiring the applicant to conduct studies, surveys, and investigations necessary to provide the information needed to properly assess the subject applications.

You are hereby granted a PRELIMINARY PERMIT to proceed with drilling and testing for project feasibility. This letter serves as a PRELIMINARY PERMIT subject to existing rights and the following conditions:

General Conditions:

1. This PRELIMINARY PERMIT becomes effective immediately and will remain in effect until September 19, 2012, unless sooner revoked by the Department of Ecology.



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2. All expenses, risks, and liabilities incurred during testing shall be borne by the applicant. If senior water right holders, including wells exempt from permitting under RCW 90.44.050, are adversely affected during any portion of the aquifer test, or data collection activities, the test shall be terminated immediately.
3. The granting of this PRELIMINARY PERMIT shall not be construed, by inference or otherwise, that the subject application will ultimately be approved. If the applicant fails to comply with the terms of this PRELIMINARY PERMIT, it and the associated water right applications, shall be cancelled.
4. The drilling and testing of these wells shall be confined to the same body of public groundwater authorized under Ground Water Permit No. G4-29544P.
5. The applicant shall consider the location of Auvil Fruit Orondo Plant wastewater discharge which is located approximately 800 feet from proposed well #1. The Auvil Fruit Orondo Plant discharge is regulated in accordance with Ecology Permit #WAG43-5162. The permit manager for the Auvil Fruit Orondo Plant is Cory Hixon who can be reached at (509) 454-7298.
6. To facilitate Ecology's action on the subject change request, any results and/or reports generated under this authorization shall be provided to Ecology within 180 days of the completion of drilling.

Well Construction and Testing Conditions:

The completion depth of the test well(s) will depend on the characteristics of the alluvial/flood deposit aquifer, the water quality, and the depth to bedrock. The test well(s) shall be confined to the unconsolidated alluvial/flood deposit.

Conditions for all Test Wells:

1. Well construction and development shall comply with Chapter 173-160 WAC, "Minimum Standards for Construction and Maintenance of Wells".
2. All test wells shall be located within the boundaries of Douglas County Tax Parcel No. 26213310001.
3. This Preliminary Permit is for a maximum of three test wells. If additional test wells are required, the applicant shall contact Avery Richardson, Ecology Regional Well Construction Coordinator at (509) 575-2639 prior to drilling.
4. Any test well that does not meet water quality or water yield requirements shall be immediately decommissioned in accordance with WAC 173-160-381.

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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

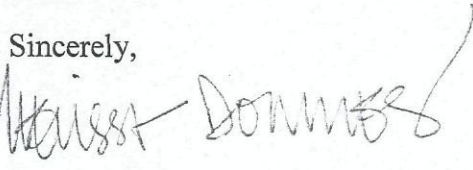
Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Rd SW Ste 301 Tumwater WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia WA 98504-0903

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>

To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>

Should you have any questions regarding this PRELIMINARY PERMIT please contact Avery Richardson at (509) 575-2639.

Sincerely,


Melissa Downes, LHG
Acting Section Manager
Water Resources Program

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